



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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Situation Report

Dam Failure Taum Sauk Hydroelectric Plant

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Recovery operations continue in Reynolds County in the aftermath of the collapse of the upper reservoir of the Taum Sauk Hydroelectric Plant.

5 people were injured as a result of this event, when a house containing the Johnson Shut-Ins State Park Superintendent and his family was washed away from its foundation about 2 miles from the reservoir. Three children who were in the home are still hospitalized with serious injuries. The SEMA Area E Coordinator reports that two sheds housing farm equipment were also destroyed as a result of the high water. About 100-150 residents in Lesterville were evacuated from their homes on Wednesday morning, but all were allowed to return by Wednesday evening.

Missouri Department of Natural Resources:

A team from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources has begun an assessment of damage to Johnsons Shut-Ins State Park. The team will evaluate the impact from the flooding to the park's natural and cultural resources, the park's structures and infrastructure and any environmental issues. The park will remain closed until further notice.

Preliminary reports indicate the majority of the damage was in the area adjacent to the East Fork of the Black River, which flows through the park. Extensive damage was reported to the superintendent's residence, the campground, the park's water plant and the boardwalk to the shut-ins. The park store and office were flooded but are still standing.

Once the assessment of the park is complete, the department will have a clearer picture on what must be done to repair the park and cleanup effort will begin.

Other State Agencies:

The Highway Patrol, Water Patrol, National Guard, as well as Departments of Agriculture, Conservation, Health & Senior Services, and Transportation remain on standby for further requests of assistance.

State Emergency Management Agency:

SEMA has resumed normal operations and is monitoring the situation for any additional requests for assistance.

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